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STATIONS IN A CIRCULAR SERIAL FIBRE-OPTIC DATA BUS

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on September 25, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to October 25, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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